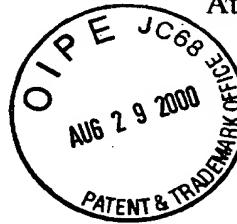


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 4, delete "A<sup>2</sup>" and insert --NA<sup>2</sup>--;  
line 6, delete "A" and insert --NA--.

Page 4, line 18, delete "transducer" and insert --specimen--.

Page 5, line 26, after "fields" insert --, using a fine grating structure,--.

Page 6, line 4, delete "quantum point lasers" and insert --active or passive  
light sources--;  
line 6, delete "quantum point lasers" and insert --light sources--.

Page 7, line 27, delete "storage disk" and insert --memory--.

Page 16, line 17, delete "backlit" and insert --backlighted--.